**उर्वरक उद्योग के कार्यकरण को सरल बनाना**

629. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:**
**श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलंकी:**

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार भारतीय उर्वरक उद्योग के कार्यकरण को सरल बनाने के लिए एक व्यापक विधेयक बनाने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त विधेयक के प्रारूप को अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया है; और

(घ) इसके संसद में कब तक पुर:स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ॰ ए.के. पटेल) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Raising the prices of Bulk drugs**

630. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the prices of bulk drugs recently;

(b) if so, the names of drugs whose prices have been raised during last six months; and

(c) the rationale behind this price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rifampicin, Nalidixic Acid, Iodo Choloro Hydroxy Quinoline (ICHQ), Dexamethasone and Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate.

(c) The price rise was on account of various factors viz. increase in the costs of inputs, change in foreign exchange rates, additional custom duty and MODVAT as per budget 1998-99, increase in Labour cost etc.

**Gujarat rivers covered under National River Conservation Plan**

631. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the rivers included for pollution abatement under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in Gujarat, with details thereof;

(b) which are the towns in the state covered under NRCP and funds earmarked for porjects in these towns in 1997-98 and during the Ninth five Year Plan period;

(c) whether work under NRCP has started in the State; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Pollution abatement of river Sabarmati at Ahmedabad in Gujarat has been included under the National River Conservation Plan. The estimated cost of works approved by Government for this plan is Rs. 98.70 crore. An amount of Rs. 6.50 crore was released by Government as Central grant in 1997-98 for implementation of these works. The total amount released by Government till date is Rs. 11.27 crore. A total provision of Rs. 100 crore is available during the Ninth Five Year Plan for National River Conservation Plan which includes provision for works in Ahmedabad also. Work on the Action Plan has already started in Gujarat. The sewerage works already approved by Government are at an advanced stage. An amount of Rs. 12.12 crore has been spent on the project so far.

**"Lifting the ban on Sandal wood Export"**

632. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested to lift the ban on sandalwood export;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken for future protection of environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.